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1. DEPARTMENT PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR EASUM
TO MESSRS. STEVE DEVEREUX AND SHAWN TULLY, C/O U.S. TENNIS
ASSOCIATION, INC., EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE, 71
UNIVERSITY PLACE, PRINCETON, NJ 08540, (609) 924 - 4343:

QTE: RECEIVED WITH PLEASURE YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 3, WHICH
ARRIVED WHILE I WAS AWAY ON LEAVE IN THE U.S. I APPRECIATE
YOUR SENDING THE JOINT PROJECT TOUR REPORT AND AM HAPPY TO
LEARN THAT YOUR TOUR WAS SUCH A SUCCESS FROM THE POINT OF
VIEW OF HEADQUARTERS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR PRO-
GRAM HERE WAS EFFECTIVE IN INTRODUCING TO NIGERIAN TENNIS
COACHES AND YOUNG PLAYERS THE LATEST TECHNIQUES OF TEACHING
AND PLAYING TENNIS. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT YOUR CLINICS
HAVE AFFECTED THE GENERAL QUALITY OF TENNIS COACHING IN THE
COUNTRY, AND HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE PROJECT WAS WORTHWHILE.

WE WOULD CERTAINLY SUPPORT A FUTURE VISIT. IN THIS REGARD,
YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE 1976 OGBE BARD
COURT INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS, SCHEDULED FOR
BENIN, BENDEL STATE, NOVEMBER 18 TO 28, 1976. THIS TOUNA-
MENT IS HELD ANNUALLY (EXCEPT FOR 1975) AND WELCOMES FOREIGN
PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMPETITIONS. DETAILS OF THE TOURNAMENT
WERE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FORWARDING TO DAVIE
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BENJAMIN AT THE USLTA. I SUGGEST YOU CONTACT MR. BENJAMIN

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, BEARING IN MIND THE OCTOBER 1 ENTRY DEADLINE. PRICE MONEY IS SUBSTANTIAL. WINNERS WERE VOLVO (USSR), 1974 RHEINBERGER (AUSTRALIA), LLOYD (UK) AND MESSMER (US). ALLAN AND AWOPEGBA LOST IN QUARTER FINALS. I WISH YOU LUCK IN YOUR FUND RAISING EFFORTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AND PLAYING TENNIS WITH YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. BEST REGARDS. SGD. DONALD B. EASUM. ENDQUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COOPERATION IN ASSURING ADDRESSEES RECEIVING REF. B. MATERIALS MENTIONED IN TEXT OF FOREGOING.

3. ADVISE.
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